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Case to be Considered for
Foreign Filing

The decision on foreign filing should be made for the following case by June 30, 1972.

CASE I: METHOD FOR EXPANDING TOBACCO STEMS PM 587

U.S. Application Serial No. 195,613 filed 11/4/71

No. U.S. action to date.

Inventors: W.M. Buchanan and J.W. Madures

The Invention: RKS directly from the process is cut to filler size, remoisturized if necessary, and subjected to hot gas containing at least 30% steam in a puffing tower. Filling capacity is significantly increased so as to produce a very useful filler product; drying or reordering may not be necessary. Color remains good.

Projected Value of the Invention: This is a process of real importance. Several plants are contemplated or under construction, here or abroad. We may well want to license the process where we cannot use it ourselves. Policing should be possible, but difficult.

Related Patents or Applications: The de la Burde patents on puffing stems before shredding or rolling: U.S. #3,409,022; 3,409,023; 3,409,027; 3,409,028; 3,529,606; and 3,556,112.

Recommendations: Extensive foreign filing comparable to that approved for the Ammonia Puffing Case is recommended as follows:

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